



# News Release

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## **Stevens County osteopath suspended due to charges of child rape**

**OLYMPIA** — A Stevens County osteopath's license has been immediately suspended after he allegedly drugged a child and had sexual contact with him. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery referred the case to the Department of Health based on the sexual misconduct charges.

Charging documents allege that Craig Morgenstern (DO.OP.00002303) drugged a 13 year-old boy and had sexual contact with him in October 2014.

Morgenstern cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

The case documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Department of Health and Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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